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Dear Mr. Clausen:

I have received your inquiry, dated October 28, concerning [] views about the imprisonment of Paulo Antonio de Paranaquia and Maria Regina Pilla in Argentina. B6

The Department does not know why these individuals are in jail. We believe [] acted properly in seeking information from the Argentine Embassy. B6

The overall problem of human rights is one which the Department and our Embassy in Buenos Aires have discussed repeatedly with Argentine officials. The Argentine government is aware of the nature and level of concern which is being expressed in the United States Congress and by private citizens, such as [] B6

The United States does not furnish economic assistance to Argentina. We do supply military sales credits, which are loans repayable with interest. In addition, a small amount of grant training is provided. These programs provide ready access to the Argentine military and an opportunity to discuss human rights questions, which we do.

I hope this information is helpful.

Sincerely yours,

Kempton B. Jenkins
Acting Assistant Secretary
for Congressional Relations

Enclosure:

Correspondence Returned.

The Honorable
Don H. Clausen,
House of Representatives.

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